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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/30/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/23/04
BRO-FRY	167,101	168,254
LT HENS	1,209	1,449
HVY HENS	1,511	1,490

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	379	20	399
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	82	0	82
SAME WEEK YR AGO	100	4	104
TO-DATE/2004	10,102	119	10,221
TO-DATE/2003	9,709	137	9,846

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,841	1,521	3,362
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,387	1,522	2,909
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,237	1,387	2,624
TO-DATE/2004	67,443	57,144	124,587
TO-DATE/2003	71,147	59,316	130,463

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	162,135	1,462	1,501	2,963
AVG WT	5.41	3.37	8.08	5.76
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	161,485	1,305	1,522	2,827
SAME WK YR AGO	159,099	1,137	1,383	2,520
AVG WT	5.25	3.44	7.95	5.92
TO-DATE/2004	6,592,318	57,341	57,025	114,366
TO-DATE/2003	6,487,037	61,438	59,179	120,617

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 164.1 million head or 0.2 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 16-Oct-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	25,113	23,483	50,724
Avg Weight	3.77	4.74	6.64
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%
Last week	18,335	17,184	45,156
Avg Weight	3.80	4.75	6.34
% of total /1	23%	21%	56%
Same week, yr ago /2	28,310	24,861	52,102
Avg Weight	3.77	4.79	6.27
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
To date/2004	1,064,580	876,801	1,882,714
To date/2003	953,157	971,330	1,829,332

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,806	2,597	87	8	4,498
AVG WT	16.53	36.70	24.01	29.66	28.34
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,515	2,624	40	8	4,187
SAME WK YR AGO	1,801	3,022	78	0	4,901
AVG WT	16.04	34.33	26.61	0.00	27.49
TO-DATE/2004	72,358	107,400	2,207	308	182,273
TO-DATE/2003	78,862	115,311	2,688	554	197,415

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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